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Maintenance of political K.D.'s list by the Police.

* 1124 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any list of persons as political K.Ds. is maintained by the police in the North Madras Assembly Constituency?

“Sir, this question No. 1124 may please be taken up to-morrow.”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—“My answer to the question is ‘No’, and, therefore, there will be no need for putting supplementary questions at all.”

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—“May I know what the letters ‘K.D.’ stand for?”

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—“Known Depredators.”

Grant of subsidy to cottage industries.

* 1125 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of subsidy granted to cottage industries in the State in 1952?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—“No subsidy was granted to cottage industries in this State in the year 1952.”

Number of Harijan members of the staff in the Government Press, Madras.

* 1126 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many members of the staff in the Government Press, Madras, are Harijans?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—“One hundred and four employees in the Government Press are Harijans, out of the total strength of 2,416.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Maintenance of police dogs.

119 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many police dogs are maintained for detecting crimes and for patrol during nights;

(b) how many dogs were transferred to Andhra State;

(c) how many dogs are patrolling daily during nights in the City;

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(d) the number of crimes detected with the help of these dogs, the number of persons convicted and the number of persons punished for more than six months during 1953; and

(e) how many crimes under the Prohibition Act were detected with the help of these dogs during 1953?

A.—(a) There are at present only three police dogs.

(b) No police dog was transferred to the Andhra State.

(c) Police dogs are not used for night patrol in the City.

(d) In all 65 crimes have been detected with the help of the police dogs, and 61 persons were convicted following such detection. None of the convicted persons was sentenced to imprisonment exceeding six months during 1953 or earlier.

(e) Eleven offences under the Prohibition Act were detected with the help of police dogs in 1953.

Recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police in Coimbatore district.

120 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the percentage of (i) direct recruits and (ii) promotees to the category of Sub-Inspectors of Police in the Coimbatore district in 1952–53?

A.—A statement showing the particulars is given below :—

	<i>Permanent Sub-Inspectors working as on 31st December 1952.</i>	<i>Percentage in 1952.</i>	<i>Permanent Sub-Inspectors working as on 31st December 1953.</i>	<i>Percentage in 1953.</i>
Direct recruits ..	87	91.58	79	90.8
Promotees ..	8	8.42	8	9.2

Reappointment of discharged clerks in Public Works Department.

121 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of clerks who have been discharged from service during 1953 and 1954 and the number reappointed in the Public Works Department?

A.—

	<i>In 1953.</i>	<i>In 1954.</i>
Number of clerks discharged from service in the Public Works Department.	137	8
Number of clerks reappointed in the Public Works Department.	44	18

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Number of deaths due to cholera.

122 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of persons who died as a result of attack of cholera in Madras State during 1953?

A.—About 18,000.

Assignment of poramboke lands to Harijans in South Arcot.

123 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government assigned any poramboke lands to Harijans for cultivation in the South Arcot district in 1952;

(b) if so, whether the Government granted any loans to Harijans for cultivation; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of such cases?

A.—(a) No.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

Grant of Madras State Dearness Allowance to the employees of the Devasthanam Department of former Pudukottai State.

124 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state the different categories of employees of the Devasthanam Department of the former Pudukottai State who have been granted (1) Madras State Dearness allowance and (2) not granted Madras State Dearness Allowance after merger of Pudukottai State with Madras State?

A.—None of the Devasthanam employees of the former Pudukottai State is granted dearness allowance at the rates applicable to Madras Government servants. There are the following four categories of Devasthanam employees of the former Pudukottai State:—

- (1) those who receive cash payment only,
- (2) those who are receiving cash payment and enjoying manyam lands,
- (3) those who are enjoying manyam lands only, and
- (4) those who are receiving cooked rice alone without cash payment or manyam for their service.

Only employees belonging to categories 1 and 2 are granted dearness allowance at Rs. 10 per mensem each while employees coming under the categories 3 and 4 are not paid any Dearness Allowance.

A Deputy Tahsildar of the Revenue Department has been appointed as Devasthanam Deputy Tahsildar and his establishment consists of four clerks (one post now

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vacant) and a peon. They have permanent lien in Revenue Department and they are paid salary and dearness allowance at Government rates. This is only an interim arrangement pending settlement of a scheme for the administration of the religious institutions.

Erection of boring pump-sets in Udaiyarpalayam.

125 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of boring pump-sets proposed to be erected under the Rural Water-supply Scheme in Udaiyarpalayam in the years 1952–53 and 1953–54 up to date;

(b) the date of starting the boring work and the date of completion of erection in respect of each of these pump-sets; and

(c) if the work has not been completed, the reasons for the delay?

A.—(a) Four boring pump-sets two in Edayakurichi and two in Kodakkur were proposed to be erected in 1952–53, and none in 1953–54.

(b) & (c) The proposals were not pursued and no estimates were even prepared for the erection of the sets, for the following reasons:—

(i) Lack of springs even at a depth of 50 feet as evidenced by two existing wells; and

(ii) failure to strike water in the six bore-wells sunk at Ponaparappi village lying only three miles west of Kodakkur.

Adult night schools in Cuddalore taluk.

126 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of adult night schools run and aided by the Government in the Cuddalore taluk of South Arcot district in 1952?

A.—Government are not at present running any adult literacy schools in the State. The number of aided adult schools in the Cuddalore taluk during 1952 was 32.

Purchase of Khadi for providing uniforms and for use in the Government Hospitals in the City.

127 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the quantity and the cost of Khadi purchased for providing uniforms as well as for the requirements of the Government Hospitals in the City of Madras in the year 1952–53?

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A.—Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six yards of khadi costing Rs. 8,695-15-6 for providing uniforms and 72,612 yards of khadi and 500 khadi bed sheets costing Rs. 1,93,049-9-0 for the requirements of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras were purchased in the year 1952-53.

Grant of takkavi loans for the purchase of bulls in South Arcot district.

128 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any takkavi loans have been granted for the purchase of bulls in the South Arcot district in the year 1952; and

(b) the number of applications received from the above district and the number favourably considered and the amount of loan granted?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Number of applications received in the district in 1952	4,546
Number of applications favourably considered	842
Amount of loan granted	Rs. 2,80,300

Value of share in Handloom Co-operative Society.

129 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the value of a share in Handloom Co-operative Society in the year 1939 and its value in the year 1953?

A.—It was left to the applicants for the formation of the Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society to fix the value of each share in the by-laws adopted by them at the time of registration of the society. There was therefore no uniformity in regard to the value of a share actually fixed by different societies. It was usually Rs. 5 or Rs. 10 per share.

Grant of loans to Handloom Co-operative Societies.

130 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how many Handloom Co-operative Societies in this State received loans from the Government in 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953?

A.—(i) Number of Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies which received interest-free loans under the relief scheme from the Government—

Year.	Number of societies.	Amount. RS.
1950	27	47,150
1951	6	30,830
1952	64	95,115
1953	16	18,668

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- (ii) Number of Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies which received interest-bearing loans under housing scheme from the Government—

Year.	Number of societies.	Amount. RS.
1950	2	17,000
1951	2	50,000
1952	1	25,000
1953	1	26,000

Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to Kasargod taluk in the Training Schools at Palayad and Cannanore in Malabar.

131 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of seats reserved in the Training Schools at Palayad and Cannanore, Malabar district, for candidates belonging to Kasargod taluk, South Kanara district, for (i) Secondary and (ii) Higher sections;

(b) the number of applications for admission received in 1953 from Kasargod taluk;

(c) the number of candidates selected in both sections in 1953; and

(d) the number of candidates selected in 1952?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement is given below:—

	Government Training School for Masters, Cannanore.		Government Secondary Training School for Women, Cannanore.		Government Basic Training School, Palayad.	
	Secondary Grade.	Elementary Grade.	Secondary Grade.	Elementary Grade.	Senior Basic.	Junior Basic.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(a)	Nil	10	..	..	..	10
(b)	41	85	4	13	51	10
(c)	8	10	Nil	3	4	10
(d)	5	16	1	2	Nil	4

Applications for training in Nursing in the Medical Colleges.

132 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received for training in Nursing in the Medical Colleges at Madras in the year 1953;

(b) the number of applications received from men and women candidates;

(c) the number of applicants selected;

(d) the number of Harijan applicants both men and women and the number selected;

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(e) the amount spent for the construction of the Nurses' Hostel attached to the Government General Hospital opposite to Fort Station;

(f) the number of nurses residing there and the number and the amount of residential scholarships and other aids received by them in the year 1952; and

(g) the rate of a residential scholarship for undergoing training in Nursing?

A.—(a) Training in Nursing is not imparted in medical colleges, but is given only at the various training centres in the Government hospitals in the State. The number of applications received during 1953 for admission to nurses' training from all the training centres was 1,360.

(b) Men—800.

Women—560.

(c) 288 (men 67 and women 221).

(d) Fifteen of which the majority were from women candidates. Four were selected for admission.

(e) About Rs. 27.70 lakhs.

(f) & (g) Two hundred and thirty-two members of the nursing staff are residing in the Nurses' Home attached to the Government General Hospital, Madras. No residential scholarships are granted to nurses. The nurse pupils undergoing training are however granted stipends and allowances at the following rates:—

					RS.	
First year	..	..	..	..	63	per mensem.
Second year	..	..	..	..	68	..
Third year	..	..	..	..	73	..
Fourth year	..	..	..	..	78	..

In addition, the nurse pupils are paid an annual uniform allowance of Rs. 37-8-0 for women and Rs. 25 for men candidates. They are also provided with rent-free quarters.

Sale of insecticides and pesticides by the Agricultural department depots.

133 Q.—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the value of the insecticides and pesticides sold by the Agricultural department depots in the years 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54; and

(b) the amount of loss sustained by the Government in supplying the above to ryots at concessional rates and the rate of the concession shown to them?

A.—The answer ^a is placed on the table of the House.

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Maternity centres in Cuddalore taluk.

134 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the present bed strength and the average daily attendance of both out-patients and in-patients in the maternity centres and hospitals in Cuddalore taluk; and

(b) what action has been taken by the Government to increase the number of beds and to provide equipment for the proper functioning of maternity centres in that taluk?

A.—(a) Maternity centres are not provided with beds. There is no hospital to deal exclusively with maternity cases in Cuddalore taluk. In the Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore, there is a maternity ward with 28 beds. The average daily attendance at each of the maternity centres in the Cuddalore taluk is 4 to 5 expectant and nursing mothers and 8 children. The daily average attendance in the Government Headquarters Hospital is 600 out-patients and 280 in-patients.

(b) The question does not arise as maternity centres are not provided with beds. Each centre is fully equipped with all the required medicines and implements.

Rural Reconstruction Scheme in North Arcot district.

135 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the areas selected for reconstruction under the Rural Reconstruction Scheme in North Arcot district;

(b) the programmes chalked out for the execution of the proposed works;

(c) the progress so far made; and

(d) the amount allotted for the work and the amount spent on it in the year 1952?

A.—(a) (i) (1) Kalasapakkam firka
(2) Kadalady firka and
(3) Mansurabad village in the } Polur taluk.
Thatchambadi firka }

(ii) (1) Thuringapuram firka
(2) Kilpennathur firka } Tiruvannamalai taluk.

(b) All items of works calculated to achieve a co-ordinated development of the areas were undertaken.

(c) The progress of works done in the selected areas is published from time to time in the Administration Reports which are supplied to the members of the Legislature.

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(d)

Nature of works.	Amount allotted in 1952-53.	Amount spent in 1952-53.			
(1)	(2)	(3)	RS.	AS.	P.
Village communications	25,000	10,681	5	0	
Rural water-supply	20,000	7,629	0	0	
Discretionary grants	15,000	10,149	11	0	
Agriculture	4,090	3,848	8	9	
Miscellaneous	5,000	4,425	0	0	

Details regarding lathi charges, opening of fire and use of tear-gas by the Police.

136 Q.—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lathi charges and shootings and occasions on which tear-gas were resorted to by the Police for each of the years from 1947 up-to-date; and

(b) the number of deaths and persons injured due to the above?

A.—(a) & (b) The figures are given in the statement below :—

Year.	Number of occasions on which Police			Total number of persons who	
	Opened fire.	Used tear gas.	Made lathi charges.	Lost their lives.	Were injured.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1947	24	5	..	..	..
1948	42	7	..	..	..
1949	24	1	..	..	..
1950	97	Nil	..	..	..
1951	38	1	..	..	..
1952	9	6	..	..	..
1953	13	1	16	9	92
1954	4	Nil	2	4	15

(up to 31st March).

NOTE.—(i) In respect of the years 1947-52, figures under columns (4), (5) and (6) are not readily available.

(ii) The figures above for 1947-52 are in respect of the Composite State of Madras.

Community Projects Scheme in South Arcot district.

137 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many villages in the South Arcot district have been included in the Community Project Scheme under the Five-Year Plan for necessary improvements in the current year 1954-55; and

(b) the names of such villages in Vriddhachalam taluk?

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A.—(a) One hundred and twenty-six villages in Chidambaram taluk were taken up during 1953-54. The question of selecting additional areas during 1954-55 has not yet been taken up.

(b) None of the villages selected during 1953-54 is included in the Vriddhachalam taluk.

Works to be carried out under Five-Year Plan in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district.

138 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the names of works proposed to be taken up under the Five-Year Plan in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(b) their estimated cost?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to starred question No. 178 on 16th March 1954.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE*

HUNGER-STRIKE BY ARAKKAL KUNHI RAMAN NAMBIAR AND P. KUNHI RAMAN, COMMUNIST POLITICAL PRISONERS LODGED IN THE CENTRAL JAIL, CANNANORE.

MR. SPEAKER:—“ Hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a motion for the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. It reads as follows :—

‘This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz.:

the starting of hunger-strike by Arakkal Kunhi Raman Nambiar and P. Kunhi Raman, Communist political prisoners, lodged in the Central Jail, Cannanore, since the 3rd August 1954 as a result of the failure of the Government to release them as all other prisoners in the same case have been released and thus causing anxiety to the people in Malabar.’

I wish to know, before I give my ruling, what the hon. Member wishes to say.”

* SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—“ Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding the starting of hunger-strike by Sri Arakkal Kunhi Raman Nambiar and Sri P. Kunhi Raman, I wish to submit that the Government have already released all the prisoners concerned with cases launched by the Government in 1946 and 1948 except these two prisoners who are now on hunger-strike. I also wish to submit that only these two communist political prisoners are lodged in the Central Jail at Cannanore. We have made repeated representations to the Government for the release of these two political prisoners. These prisoners are not provided with the usual amenities provided for political prisoners. I wish to state that there is no justification for the Government to keep these prisoners